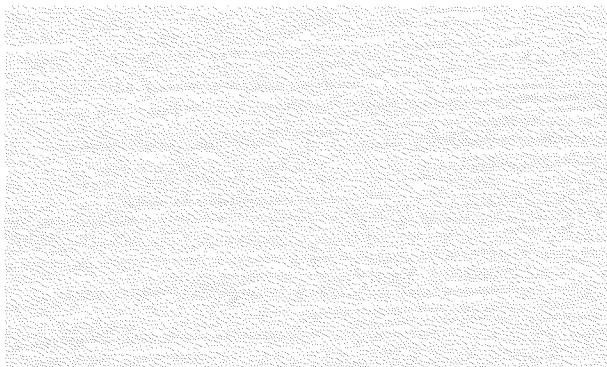


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Melissa and Jennifer:

I'm a new press secretary in Region 8 and Rich Mylott suggested I forward some questions we've received from reporters to you for the overarching Q & A. We also have questions coming in via other routes and are working on compiling those, as well.

If I should be sending these to someone else, or hanging onto them, just let me know. Also, if you would like these more/less/different slant on our summaries, please let me know. We want to be helpful.

Regards,

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Synopsis of Press Questions and Contact Information

From: Olivier Uyttebrouck [<mailto:olivier@abqjournal.com>]

Is contaminated water still being discharged from the King Mine?

Ron Curry said that five New Mexico water systems have been closed. What are the five systems?

Is there any precedent for this kind of a spill; any previous spills of this magnitude?

From: Michael Casey

Personal Email/Ex. 6

How big of a threat are these types of mines in the future in terms of mine waste potentially contaminating waterways?

Would you have any statistics on the scope of pollution from hard rock mines?

From: Bowles, Jack

What is the geography/range of the water quality data mentioned in the first paragraph?

Is this intended for Colorado consumption only?

From: Cohen, Elizabeth [mailto:

Personal Email/Ex. 6

How many people use water from the Animas River for drinking water, and to what extent is water from this river used to irrigate crops?

From: DalSoglio, Julie

FYI from input in Montana. We will need to develop a Montana specific communications strategy to answer questions up here.

[See note below from Butte Daily via Erik Nyland of Senator Tester's staff.]

From: Nylund, Erik (Tester) [mailto:Erik_Nylund@tester.senate.gov]
To: DalSoglio, Julie; Vranka, Joe; Greene, Nikia; Chergo, Jennifer

Here's the sort of thing I was talking about on the call this morning. I suspect you'll be getting some questions on the possibility of a breach in Butte.

Erik

From: Fritz Daily [mailto:buttedaily@bresnan.net]

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As I was reading the article in the Montana Standard and other articles on Facebook about the discharge of contaminated water to the Animis River in Colorado I wrote the following comment. "We must never forget why the Clark fork River and Silver Bow became so heavily CONTAMINATED! Anyone who thinks this couldn't happen again is a fool The Clark Fork River could look like this again in the future and is the very reason that Butte's Silver Bow Creek must be cleaned and restored and a responsible Treatment Plant built for treating Berkeley Pit Water. Within eight years water in the Berkeley Pit must be pumped/treated and discharged to Silver Bow Creek in perpetuity! Without major upgrades the current treatment plant's discharge will destroy the recently cleaned Silver Bow Creek." While I do not believe a discharge from the Butte Mines is eminent, I do believe we should be pro active and not possess a "blind eye" to the possibility.

With that thought in mind, as you know, Ellen Crain asked me to write my story concerning my 30 + years of involvement with Butte Superfund issues. I wrote the attached info as part of my report. Thought you might find it of interest. As the old saying goes, "those who forget the lessons of history are bound to repeat the mistakes of history!"

I am also going to forward this to a few others who may find this of interest.

Fritz

Let's develop a statement that Rebecca can use for the ag community questions like this. It's really the data story—toxicologists will evaluate water quality data in comparison to water quality standards that are protective of those uses. Please build something around that. I can help finalize it. Joan

Via From: Perrin, Rebecca

From: Kathleen Thomas Gaspa
To: Perrin.rebecca@Epa.gov

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I am looking for information about the Animas River contamination and how it might relate to any crops in Colorado and northern New Mexico....I don't believe any food crops have been impacted, and what grows in that region is largely hay/feed corn. If you can confirm that, it would be immensely helpful.

THE PRODUCE NEWS

De: Julie Turkewitz <julie.turkewitz@nytimes.com>

It seems like there is a story to be done here about what was happening at the Gold King when this spill occurred -- an article that helps readers understand that the EPA was cleaning up a toxic leak that was not of its own making.

What kind of pre-spill Gold King mine assessment docs can you provide to me?